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2. [] workmen continued to be engaged in work on Shaft 1 of Object 1 and that there were rumors among the residents of Rauenstein/Erzgebirge that Shaft 238 of the "Rudolf Schacht" and the "Himmelreich" of Object 7 in Marienberg were shut down in the fall of 1953, [] and that the workers at these shafts had been transferred to other shafts of Object 7 in Annaberg. [] 50X1-HUM
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3. [] since late 1953 the shafts of Object 8 have belonged to Object 1. [] only individual dismissals and [] miners had been dismissed at some shafts around Johanngeorgenstadt. The dismissed workers would be employed at other shafts. [] 50X1-HUM
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4. [] since 1 December 1953 the shafts of Object 8 have belonged to Object 1. In October 1953, about 20 percent of the miners of all shafts of this Object had been dismissed or transferred to Object 6 in Auerbach. [] 50X1-HUM
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[] The drilling section of Object 1, [] had been reduced from about 90 to about 15 men in mid-January 1954. Most of the drilling personnel were transferred to Object 6 in Auerbach. [] 50X1-HUM

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5. [] in October 1953, roughly 10 percent of the workers in Object 8 were dismissed and that most of these dismissed workers were not willing to work under the management of Object 1 because of bad wage conditions and the fact that it had arbitrarily given away the dwellings in Schwarzenberg which had been intended for the workers. Part of the workers was transferred to Objects 9 and 2. [] 50X1-HUM
6. [] in December 1953, about 50 men had been dismissed at Shaft 54 of Object 1. [] most of these workers had provoked their dismissal by absenteeism. The reason given by the administration was that these workers were unsuitable for the Wismut AG. [] 50X1-HUM
7. [] on 4 January 1954, 1,000 men of Shafts 358 and 269 at Heidenschanze were transferred to Object 6 in Auerbach and Object 2 in Aue.³ The workers were transported to the new job by busses owned by Wismut. Only for- man, blasting foremen, and technicians were required, and a part of the miners and haulers was sent back again because of a scarcity of lodgings. [] 50X1-HUM
8. [] dismissals within the Wismut AG [] started in the region of Oberschlema in late January 1954, when 8 to 10 shafts were closed down and the workers dismissed. He was one of those dismissed. Only a few workers were dismissed in Oberschlema itself, as the shafts there were the most productive. []

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3. The Heidenschanze shafts belong to Object 15 in Freiberg. No information is available on Shafts 358 and 269.

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